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Past Experience: (Job titles, location, years)

Ecologist, Bakersfield DO, 3 years
Environmental Coordinator, Bakersfield DO, 3 years
EIS Project Manager, Denver Service Center, 5 years
Rights-of-Way Specialist, WO, 2 years
Bureau Data Administrator, WO, 3 years
Associate District Manager, Shoshone and Upper Snake River Districts, 6 years
Resource Specialist, OR/WA State Office, 4 years

Why you applied for the PM Training:

I have been leading the development of resources relational databases with GIS interfaces for 4 years, and needed to know better how to do the job.

How would you rate the quality and content of the training you received:

The training program and courses were extremely well organized and effectively presented. It will be very useful. The difficult part will be changing the culture "back at the office" to accept the more structured approach to managing the project schedule, cost and quality. I learned more about scheduling, budgeting, software testing and quality assurance than I realized existed. I just hope I can implement it effectively.

How do you anticipate using your new skills:

By putting into place in two on-going database projects, an appropriate mix of techniques and methods to tighten up the management and control of these projects. I will be using these skills practically full-time.

Further, the information in the classes applies to much of the BLM's business, outside of database project management. So much of what the BLM employee does in most job categories can be considered to be a project. These skills apply to all of those activities, so I can anticipate also using what I have learned in other types of work.